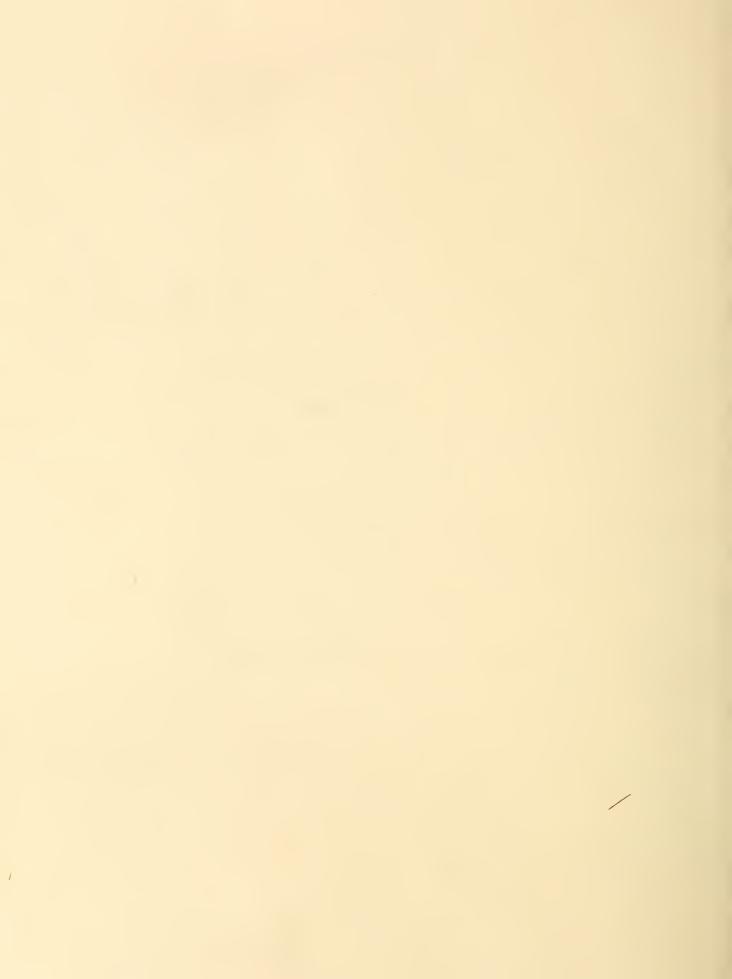
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(PROJECTING) Don't give me any more...I'd loaded down now!

more blankets !

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- 15. ALICE: (CALLING) You forgot my fur coat, Albert.
- 16. ALBERT: (COMING BACK...RESIGNED) All right, honey...just pile 'em on top... Be careful now...
- 17. ALICE: (PROJECTING) Don't drop anything, Albert!
- 18. ALBERT: (MUTTERING TO HIMSELF) Spring. How I hate it. Spring cleaning
 ...so unnecessary. Hanging these old coats and baggy suits out
 on the clothes line. How's that going to kill any moths? I
 ask you. How's that going to....
- 19. ALICE: (CALLING FROM HOUSE) Albert?
- 20. ALBERT: (CALLS BACK) Yes, dear.
- 21. ALICE: Don't bunch them up on the line that way.
- 22. ALBERT: No dear...
- 23. ALICE: Spread them out...so they'll get some sunlight.
- 24. ALBERT: (LOUD) Yes, dear. (TO HIMSELF) Spread them out so they'll get more sunlight. There aren't any moths in 'em anyhow.

 Haven't seen a single one fly out. (PAUSE) Now...that ought to do it. But just you wait, she's going to call out...

 "Albert, dear, I wish you'd beat the dust out of those rugs...
 just a little."
- 25. ALICE: (CALLING FROM HOUSE) Albert, dear, I wish you'd beat the dust out of those rugs...just a little."
- 26. ALBERT: (TO HIMSELF) How did I know? It happens every spring. (CALL-ING) Yes. dear.
- 27. SOUND: BEATING
- 28. ALBERT: (WITH BEATS) Why it always falls to the...man...of the house to beat rugs...is more than I can see... This whole business is too...silly...anyhow. And hanging these things out on the line! Moths must like fresh...air...just like anybody...

 It's mothballs...they don't like anyhow...

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29. ALICE: (CALLING) Not so hard, dear. Those rugs are falling to pieces as it is.

30. ALBERT: (LAYING DOWN BEATER) Alice?

31. ALICE: Yes, Albert?

32. ALBERT: Haven't these things had enough sun?

33. ALICE: Why no...they have to stay out all afternoon...

34. ALBERT: But why, Alice? Why is fresh air so deadly to moths?

35. ALICE: I don't know.

36. ALBERT: Then why do we have to....

37. ALICE: Mother always did it...

38. ALBERT: But Alice! (WEAKLY) Oh, I see...

39. ALICE: Now hurry in, dear. I have a lot for you to do.

40. ALBERT: Oh yes. Of course I'm coming...(FADING)...coming right away...

41. FREYMAN: See, Johnny? That's Chapter One of how the Jones family prepares to store their woolen clothes and things, for summer.

42. JOHN: But...isn't that right, Mrs. Freyman...to hang things out in the fresh air before you store them?

43. FREYMAN: It certainly is right, Johnny. But you see, the Jones' didn't know why they were airing their woolens. The reason is that (they're the tiny caterpillar stage of the moth) moth larvae/can't stand bright sunlight and heat. They drop right off your clothes.

44. JOHN: And the moth larvae...they're the ones that do all the damage?

45. JOHN: But the moths that are flying around...they lay the eggs, don't they?

46. FREYMAN: Yes, so you have to get rid of them too.

And then, Johnny...it's important to brush your woolen things very thoroughly, before you store them. And of course they should be cleaned.

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- 47. JOHN: Dry cleaned?
- 48. FREYMAN: Most wool clothing should be dry cleaned. But many knot garments, and flannels, and challies, wash very well.
- 49. JOHN: Any special way that should be done?
- 50. FREYMAN: Of course. You must use only tepid water...and very mild soap. And you mustn't rub knit things, or woolens. And for goodness sake, never use chlorine bleaches on wool things.
- 51. JOHN: I... I hadn't planned to.
- 52. FREYMAN: Well, see that you don't, Johnny! And here's something else...
 that's bad for wool.
- 53. JOHN: What would that be?
- 54. FREYMAN: Maybe we should drop in on the Jones' again...a couple of days later...to get the answer to that one...

55. SOUND: DOORBELL RINGING AND FRANTIC KNOCKING

56. ALICE: (AS SHE HURRIES TO DOOR) Be patient, Albert. I'm coming.

What's the hurry anyhow?

57. SOUND:: DOOR OPENS AND CLOSES BEHIND

- 58. ALBERT: What's the hurry? I'm soaking wet, that's what. Soaking wet.
- 59. ALICE: Oh, poor dear. Oh, look at you, Albert.
- 60. ALBERT: It caught me unawares... Sudden downpour... Started about two blocks from home. Look at my suit! That nice new press I got is all gone...my trousers are bagging at the knees and ...
- 61. ALICE: Now don't you worry, Albert. We'll have that suit dried out in a jiffy. You run upstairs and get into your bathrobe...and give me the suit.
- 62. ALBERT: Very well, dear.
- 63. ALICE: The radiators are so hot...I'll just put the coat on this radiator...and the trousers on that one...and I'll just bet that suit will be dry and nice by suppertime.

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- 64. ALBERT: Alice, you think of everything! (GOING OFF) I just don't know what I'd ever do without you, Alice! (ETG. FADE OUT)
- 65. JOHN: Well, Mrs. Freyman...what was wrong with that picture?
- 66. FREYMAN: As if you didn't know.
- 67. JOHN: Do I?
- 68. FREYMAN: Certainly...one of the worst things you can do to woolens...

 is expose them to sudden temperature changes...extremes of

 hot or cold?
- 69. JOHN: What happens?
- 70. FREYMAN: Well, this shock treatment will shrink the wool...and make it stiff.
- 71. JOHN: So...probably when Mrs. Jones takes Albert's suit off the radiator...it may very well look radiator-shaped?
- 72. FREYMAN: It may very well, Johnny...
- 73. JOHN: Too bad.
- 74. FREYMAN: Yes...and particularly too bad...since men's suits are so hard to get right now. And you just can't afford to be careless in the way you treat yours.
- 75. JOHN: What should Mrs. Jones have done, then?
- 76. FREYMAN: She should hand up the suit where it isn't too hot, and let it dry out slowly. And then press it, of course.
- 77. JOHN: I see. And Mr. Jones should have worn a raincoat...to protect his suit.
- 78. FREYMAN: Exactly!
 - Well, Mrs. Freyman...
- 79. JOHN: /.....What else have we to tell our CONSUMER TIME listeners...
 about caring for wool things?
- 80. FREYMAN: We haven't quite finished our story about storing away woolens for the summer, Johnny...
- 81. JOHN: No! Did the Jones'ever finish their job of storing?
- 82. FREYMAN: Did they? I wonder....

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- 83. ALBERT: Oh Alice?
- 84. ALICE: Yes, Albert.
- Whatever happened to all these clothes and blankets we hung out on the line the other day?
- 86. ALICE: Oh...them?
- 87. ALBERT: Yes...I usually have to haul them up in the attic every Spring
 ...and stuff them in red paper bags.
- 88. ALICE: (BORED) Yes, Albert...I know...
- 89. ALBERT: Well, the only reason I was...bringing it up...was because I've sort of had it hanging over my head that I had to do it this Saturday...and I wanted....
- 90. ALICE: You wanted what?
- 91. ALBERT: Well, I wanted to know...because I thought, if not, I might go

 over to the golf course for a few...
- 92. ALICE: Oh...the golf course. Is that so! Well, let me tell you,
 Albert Jones...
- 93. ALBERT: (HURRIEDLY) You don't mean to say dear, that all by your little self you got those clothes up in that great big attic...
- 94. ALICE: No.
- 95. ALBERT: It isn't done yet?
- 96. ALICE: I haven't had time, that's all. I just put them back in the closet and forgot about them. But thanks for reminding me,

 Albert...and we'll get those things stored away in mothballs for sure...this Saturday afternoon.
- 97. ALBERT: (GROANING) This Saturday afternoon...yes, I knew it...I
 thought so! (FADING OUT) Always the way it is...every single
 Saturday....ETC.

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98. JOHN: Well, Mrs. Freyman. At least the Jonses are going to get
those clothes and blankets stored away...and mothproofed. I
think that's fine.

99. FREYMAN: But don't you know what they did wrong, Johnny?

100, JOHN: No...

101. FREYMAN: Mrs. Jones took the clothes off the line, out of the sun and air, and put them back in her closet for several days.

102. JOHN: Yes I know...but...

103. FREYMAN: Well, she might just as well not have hung them out at all!

Unless she rushed those wool things into insect-tight storage immediately after taking them off the line, Albert's time was just wasted that day...

104. JOHN: Because more moths would fly right back in?

105. FREYMAN: Of course.

106, JOHN: Well, I guess the Jonses clothes will be ruined, then.

107. FREYMAN: They're likely to be. But they can still be saved, with the proper care.

108. JOHN: Shall we go into that briefly, Mrs. Freyman?

109. FREYMAN: Very well...remember first...that "mothproof" containers...

aren't enough...to do away with moths.

110. JOHN: They just keep 'em from getting in...isn't that it?

111. FREYMAN: Yes they do...but if the little moth larvae are already inside...you're out of luck.

112. JOHN: That's why you have to be sure the clothes are clean before you store 'em.

113. FREYMAN: Yes, and if you want to be really sure...then you should use a spray (or flakes) of napthalene, or paradichlorobenzene, or moth balls...

114. JOHN: Does everybody know how to put things away with mothballs, and that para-da-something-benzene, Mrs. Freyman?

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115. FREYMAN: Why I think so. If you're using the flakes or mothballs, you need about a pound for a small chest, or three pounds for an average closet.

116. JOHN: Just sling 'em in any old way?

117. FREYMAN: You should distribute them through the clothes. And in closets you should put the moth-proofing up high, because the gas which is /given off is heavy, and it moves downward.

118. JOHN: Very good advice, Mrs. Freyman.

119. FREYMAN: Now Johnny... We've been talking mostly about wool clothes.

120. JOHN: Did we leave out something?

121. FREYMAN: Blankets...and wool drapes...upholstered furniture, for instance...and rugs.

122. JOHN: They should be cared for too...

123. FREYMAN: By all means.

124. JOHN: All summer.

125, FREYMAN: Certainly.

126. JOHN: Well, how, for instance?

127. FREYMAN: Be sure to brush your upholstery often...in case there might be little moth eggs hidden around. And remember...just putting on summer furniture covers isn't enough.

125. JOHN: It isn't?

129. FREYMAN: No...not if the upholstery has wool in it. You'd better look at it every now and then, to be sure it's all right.

130. JOHN: I see.

131. FREYMAN: Then about blankets.

132. JOHN: Yes...

133. FREYMAN: If they're beginning to show the strain of being yanked and pulled...why not lengthen them, with a strip of cloth at the bottom?

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134. JOHN: That would make them last longer?

135. FREYMAN: Yes. You wouldn't have to stretch them so far. And blankets are hard to get.

136, JOHN: Like a lot of other things...

137. FREYMAN: How is the Jones family doing...with so many wool things hard
to get?

138. JOHN: Let's find out....

139. ALICE: (SO EXCITED) Albert, just look

140. ALBERT: At what, pet?

141. ALICE: My new blankets!

142. ALBERT: More new blankets?

143. ALICE: What do you mean more. You act as though I buy them every day.

144. ALBERT: Seems that every Friday you go shopping, and you come home with new blankets.

145. ALICE: Well...they <u>are</u> hard to get...and I <u>do</u> grab them up wherever

I find them.

146. ALBERT: Those blue ones last week.

147. ALICE: Yes...but I didn't like the color...not with this room. So

I got pink ones today.

148, ALBERT: Ah...uh, just a little bitsy extravagant...but...

149. ALICE: Extravagant! How dare you! When you...every time you see

one of those awful checkered sport coats...you buy it.

150. ALBERT: I...don't often see sport coats, my dear...

151. ALICE: But when you do...you buy one. And half the time you don't like it when you get it home.

152. ALBERT: Like those four plaid wool skirts you got. And each one was either too big or too small, or too bright, or tool...

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- 153. ALICE: (IN TEARS) Ohhh...there you go...picking on me again. All you talk about is bills...bills.
- 154. ALBERT: Who said anything about bills? I didn't say (FADING) anything about bills. All I said was that...Oh, isn't that just like a woman? (ETC...OUT)
- 155. FREYMAN: (LAUGH) Well, Johnny...it's easy to see where the Jones' are off the track this time.
- 156. JOHN: Sure, with wool things so scarce...and so many veterans needing new suits...we should make it a point to buy only what we
 need...
- 157. FREYMAN: Right, Johnny! And you save yourself money that way...as well as help out the wool supply situation.
- 158. JOHN: And speaking of saving money...I think we should mention how important it is...not to pay more than you should for wool things, or more than what you think the value should be.
- 159. FREYMAN: That's so. People who are thrifty now...will be glad of it,
 when there are finally plenty of wool fabrics on the market
 for everybody.
- 160. JOHN: And when will that be, Mrs. Freyman?
- 161. FREYMAN: Now that, as you know, is hard to say right now, Johnny...

 but we can say that there's no shortage of raw wool! And also
 reconversion of fabric mills is making available more stocks of
 wool fabrics.
- 162. JOHN: Now, there doesn't seem to be such a bad shortage of highpriced suits, for instance, Mrs. Freyman.
- 163. FREYMAN: That's true. So the Civilian Production Administration, to help make available more low-priced clothes, has allotted more fabric to manufacturers who make low-priced things.
- 164. JOHN: I see...well that should help.

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- 165. FREYMAN: Also, CPA has ordered that no manufacturer keep more than a 30-day supply of men's or boys' suits in stock.
- 166. JOHN: These measures sound good...but I guess that it will still be a good long while before we can buy all we want.
- 167. FREYMAN: It looks that way, Johnny. But there are a few things consumer can do to help the situation....
- 16%. JOHN: First...buy only what you need...
- 169. FREYMAN: And make over those old woolen things, which are probably better quality than many clothes you can buy right now.
- 170, JOHN: Yes...and take very good care of the wool clothes you have now.
- 171. FREYNAN: By taking a tip from the Jones family...and what they didn't do...
- 172. JOHN: Clean and store your clothes carefully for summer...hang them

 out in the sun, and store them away as soon as you take them in.
- 173. FREYMAN: And don't let your suit get wet...the way Albert Jones did.
- 174. JOHN: And don't dry your wool things over a hot stove or radiator...
 the way Mrs. Albert Jones did...
- 175. FREYMAN: In other words...be thrifty...and take good care of the clothes you have now...particularly during this summer, when the moths take over.
- 176. JOHN: And that concludes our story today...on watching your woolens!

 What's for next week, Mrs. Freyman?
- 177. FREYMAN:

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178. JOHN: So be with us next week...for another edition of...

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